

Orientation

How to Use this Manual

Throughout this manual, advice and instructions are offered regarding the use of MailMan including the changes brought about by Patch 50 (i.e., XM*7.1*50) and the functionality it provides for Veterans Health Information Systems and Technology Architecture (**VISTA**) software products.

There are no special legal requirements involved in the use of MailMan's interface.

This manual uses several methods to highlight different aspects of the material:

- Various symbols are used throughout the documentation to alert the reader to special information. The following table gives a description of each of these symbols:



Symbol	Description
	Used to inform the reader of general information including references to additional reading material.
	Used to caution the reader to take special notice of critical information.

Table 1: Documentation Symbol Descriptions

- Descriptive text is presented in a proportional font (as represented by this font).
- "Snapshots" of computer online displays (i.e., roll-and-scroll screen captures/dialogues) and computer source code are shown in a *non*-proportional font and enclosed within a box.
 - User's responses to online prompts will be in boldface type.
 - The "<RET>" found within these snapshots indicate that the user should press the Enter or Return key on their keyboard.
 - Author's comments are displayed in italics or as "callout" boxes.



Callout boxes refer to labels or descriptions usually enclosed within a box, which point to specific areas of a displayed image.

- All uppercase is reserved for the representation of M code, variable names, or the formal name of options, field and file names, and security keys (e.g., the XUPROGMODE key).

Assumptions About the Reader

This manual is written with the assumption that the reader is familiar with the **VISTA** computing environment.

It provides an overall explanation of MailMan Application Programmer Interfaces (APIs) and the changes contained in MailMan Patch 50 (i.e., XM*7.1*50). However, no attempt is made to explain how the overall **VISTA** programming system is integrated and maintained. Such methods and procedures are documented elsewhere. We suggest you look at the various VA home pages on the World Wide Web (WWW) for a general orientation to **VISTA**. For example, check out the following web sites:

- Veterans Health Information Systems and Technology Architecture (**VISTA**), formerly known as the Decentralized Hospital Computer Program (DHCP) System:
 - <http://www.va.gov/vama.htm#DHCP>
 - <http://vawww.va.gov/vama.htm#DHCP>
- **VISTA** Software Development Home Page: <http://vista.med.va.gov/>

Related Manuals and Other References

Readers who wish to learn more about MailMan should consult the following:

- "MailMan V. 7.1 & Patch XM*7.1*50 Release Notes"
- "MailMan V. 7.1 & Patch XM*7.1*50 Getting Started Manual"
- "MailMan V. 7.1 & Patch XM*7.1*50 User Manual"
- "MailMan V. 7.1 & Patch XM*7.1*50 Technical Manual"
- "MailMan V. 7.1 Network Reference Manual"
- MailMan Home Page at the following web address:
<http://vista.med.va.gov/mailman/index.html>

This site contains additional information and documentation.

MailMan documentation is made available online, on paper, and in Adobe Acrobat Portable Document Format (PDF). The PDF documents *must* be read using the Adobe Acrobat Reader (i.e., ACROREAD.EXE), which is freely distributed by Adobe Systems Incorporated at the following web address:

<http://www.adobe.com/>



For more information on the use of the Adobe Acrobat Reader, please refer to the "Adobe Acrobat Quick Guide" at the following web address:

<http://vista.med.va.gov/infrastructure/acrobat/index.html>